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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. ON JUNE 9 MISSION RECEIVED A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE
AMBASSADOR FROM THE EC COUNCIL SECRETARY GENERAL HOMMEL
TRANSMITTING THE ORIGINAL OF AN ACT OF NOTIFICATION FROM
THE EC COUNCIL TO THE EFFECT THAT THE INTERNAL EC PRO-
CEDURES TO BRING THE US-EC GIFA INTO FORCE HAVE BEEN
COMPLETED AND THAT THE GIFA SHOULD THEREFORE ENTER INTO
FORCE AS OF JUNE 9, 1977. THE LETTER REFERS TO THE
DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO THE EC
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DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 4 INFORMING THE DELE-
GATION OF OUR COMPLETION OF US INTERNAL PROCEDURES.
ORIGINALS BEING POUCHED TO OES/OFA-HOINKES.

2. THE FULL TEXT OF THE ACT READS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT.
THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
HAVING REGARD TO THE TREATY ESTABLISHING THE EUROPEAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND IN PARTICULAR ARTICLE 43 THEREOF, HAVING REGARD TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY CONCERNING FISHERIES OFF THE COASTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND IN PARTICULAR ARTICLE XVI THEREOF, WHEREAS THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES HAS APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AGREEMENT, NOTIFIES BY THESE PRESENTS THE COMPLETION BY THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF THE PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY CONCERNING FISHERIES OFF THE COASTS OF THE UNITED STATES. DONE AT BRUSSELS JUNE 9, 1977, FOR THE COUNCIL, PRESIDENT JOHN SILKIN AND SECRETARY GENERAL HOMMEL. END TEXT.

3. A COUNCIL SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL (ERIK STEIN) INFORMED US THAT THE CORRECTED TEXTS OF THE GIFA IN ALL LANGUAGES AND AN ORIGINAL OF THE SIGNATURE PAGE HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND SHOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE EC OFFICIAL JOURNAL ON JUNE 10 AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBER STATES. HE SAID THAT THE EC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON HAS ALSO BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AFFECTING US LICENSES FOR FISHING VESSELS OF THE MEMBER STATES IN US WATERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 5 REF B. THE COMMISSION HAD CONTEMPLATED HAVING SUCH A STATEMENT SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR FISHERIES (GALLAGHER) BUT WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPARENTLY DISSUADED UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE MEMBER STATES AND EXPLANATIONS BY THE MISSION THAT REFERRING SUCH MATTERS TO BRUSSELS WOULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DELAYS IN A LICENSING SYSTEM WHICH CAN BE HANDLED VERY RAPIDLY AND ROUTINELY IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED. THIS NOW SEEMS TO BE ACCEPTED BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THESE PROCEDURES WILL TAKE PLACE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE EC COMMISSION DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR FOR EXTERNAL FISHERIES (SIMMONET) EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT, IN VIEW OF THE UNHAPPINESS GENERATED BY THE US INABILITY TO MAKE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS TO PERMIT CONTINUATION OF ITALIAN FISHING AFTER MARCH 1, WE COULD AVOID A CONTROVERSY BY PROVIDING EVIDENCE AS TO THE ACCURACY OF USG ESTIMATES OF ITALIAN CATCHES IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1977, WHICH ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN THOSE SUBMITTED BY THE ITALIANS (REF C).

IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, HE HOPED WE COULD BE FLEXIBLE
AND ADJUST OUR FIGURES SOMEWHAT TO TRY TO MEET ITALIAN
DESIRES. (COMMENT; WE RECOGNIZE THAT A CONTROVERSY OVER
THESE DATA COULD LEAD TO SOME UNHAPPINESS HERE IN
BRUSSELS, AND, THEREFORE, HOPE THAT ANY DIFFERENCES CAN
BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED IN WASHINGTON
WITHOUT HAVING TO BE BROUGHT TO BRUSSELS.)HINTON

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